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A B O U T M E

I established Access Compliance Consulting in August of 2021 to use my twenty-five-plus years of experience to provide training, consulting, and publications focusing on accessibility in the built environment.

I am a sole proprietor, and a woman owned business.

E X P E R I E N C E

Access Compliance Consulting

Architect, CASp

2700 D Street, Sacramento, CA

August 2021 – Present

As a sole proprietor, I have:

- I established a consulting firm that uses my experience to provide consulting services, training, and publications.
- Worked closely with a designer to create a website where I could showcase my expertise and maintain contact with my network of fellow professionals and code users.
- Obtained AIA CES Provider status to provide AIA LU/HSW.
- Developed and delivered online webinars for Federal and state accessibility housing regulations.
- Conducted plan review consulting services for multi-family housing projects to ensure compliance with Federal and state regulations and codes.

Division of the State Architect

Senior Architect, CASp

1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA

January 2011 – July 2021

Transferred to the Division of the State Architect, Headquarters Office, Access Code and Policy Unit in 2011 from the Department of General Services, Professional Services Branch. Duties included the following:

- Team member that participated in the rulemaking for the 2013 California Building Code. During that rulemaking cycle, the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design became the model code for Chapter 11B. That required a complete rewrite and reformatting of Chapter 11B.
- Participated in subsequent rulemaking cycles where I focused on the federal housing-related regulations to bring Chapter 11B in alignment with those regulations.
- Developed training sessions for the DSA Academy and delivered in-person and online training. The in-person training consisted of four one-day sessions, including plan review, public housing, housing at a place of education, and updates to Chapter 11B.
- Revised and maintained the *California Access Compliance Advisory Manual*.
- Authored the *Guide to Public Housing Regulated by Chapter 11B of the California Building Code*.
- Authored the code change that completed the separation between Chapters 11A and 11B.

EXPERIENCE

E. M. Kado Associates – AIA, Inc.

Project Manager

1661 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA

January 1991 – October 2006

Project management duties required working as a team member and independently on projects from preliminary design to construction documents through contract administration.

- Work required knowledge of local government agency procedures (i.e., developing relationships with building and planning departments to obtain building permits and variances).
- Successful completion of projects necessitated developing working relationships with clients, consultants, contractors, and code officials.

Projects

- UC Davis Health Systems, Spine Center and Dermatology – Plastic Surgery Clinic, Cannery Business Park, Sacramento, California
Lead designer for a 12,000 square foot clinic interior renovation in a restored warehouse building. The space's style, age, and seismic constraints presented a unique design challenge requiring creative floor plans and detailing.
- The Money Store, West Sacramento, California
Lead designer supervising three staff for a tenant improvement in a ten-story 425,000 square foot office building. Building spaces included a cafeteria, auditorium, board room, training rooms, and exercise facilities. Duties included programming, space planning, contract documents, building permit submittal, and project closeout.
- California State Board of Equalization, Sacramento, California
Team member assisting project architect for a 525,000 square foot tenant improvement. Primary duties included space planning, selecting interior finishes, and developing typical furniture workstations.

SKILLS & AWARDS

- Attended various seminars to improve skills to develop and deliver online and in-person training.
- Used research and analysis experience to learn the rulemaking process related to the development of building code language.
- Improved my customer service skills during public meetings and responded to code users' questions.
- Participated as a Subject Matter Expert in the CASp Exam question development sessions.
- Designed the first of the open book exams for the CASp examination.
- Received the DGS Values Award in 2013 as part of the Division of the State Architect Access Compliance Team.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Designed and delivered the following training sessions:

Access Compliance Consulting Webinars

- In-depth scoping for Accessible Housing
- Accessible Housing Site Elements and Facilities
- Common Areas within Accessible Housing Facilities
- Accessible Housing Dwelling Units
- Highlighting Accessibility Amendments in the 2022 California Building Code
- Circulation paths, Detectable Warnings, and Vehicular Traffic
- Accessible Residential Unit Kitchens
- Accessible Residential Dwelling Unit Toilet and Bathing Rooms
- LAHD Development Team and Architect Training

DSA Academy in-person one-day sessions

- Code Update California Building Code, Chapter 11B
- Public Housing
- Access Compliance Plan Review
- Housing at a Place of Education and Transient Lodging

Created sessions specifically at the request of the following clients

- City of Oroville
- City of Palo Alto
- City of Sacramento
- City of San Jose
- Pacific ADA Center
- University of California
- The California State University
- National ADA Symposium
- American Institute of Architects, Fresno
- Certified Access Specialist Institute

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Apprenticeship

E.M. Kado Associates – AIA, Inc.

Ed Kado fostered an environment that allowed me to gain the knowledge and experience to prepare for the exams necessary to become a licensed architect. I developed a plan of action for independent study and research to meet that goal and achieved licensure in September 2007

Associate Degree/Interior Design

Weber State College, Ogden Utah

1985-1987

Multiple Continuing Education Courses

LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

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Certified Access Specialist # 392

MEMBERSHIPS

International Code Council

Certified Access Specialist Institute

California Building Officials

American Institute of Architects